

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A socket for rotatably loosening or tightening a connection element, the socket comprising a socket body having a centerline and a perimeter, a first face, an opposing second face and a receiving slot extending from the first face to the second face, wherein the receiving slot includes a receiving region adjacent to the first face for receiving and capturing therein the connection element, the receiving region having a centerline that is [offline from] not in alignment with the centerline of the socket body and includes a step against which the connection element rests during rotation of the socket body, [and] wherein the second face includes a socket driver port therein that does not extend through to the first face of the socket body, the socket driver port having a centerline that is [offline from] not in alignment with the centerline of the socket body, and wherein the socket driver port is positioned within the perimeter of the socket body.
2. (Original) The socket as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the receiving region of the receiving slot is of a polygonal configuration.
3. (Original) The socket as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the receiving region of the receiving slot includes a plurality of stepped polygonal configurations.
4. (Original) The socket as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the connection element is a nut with wings, said first face of the socket body including a plurality of wing slots for receiving and retaining the wings therein.
5. (Original) The socket as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the receiving region is of a rounded configuration.
6. (Original) The socket as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the receiving region is of a polygonal configuration.

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